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Sir:

This is in reply to the Interview Summary mailed April 5, 2007, which set a non-extendable deadline of May 5, 2007 for response. This Response is thus believed to be timely filed.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.133, Applicants provide the following.

Interview Summary


Applicants thank Examiner Levi for the courtesy of a brief telephonic discussion on March 23, 2007. While Applicants believe that a summary of the interview was provided in the Response dated March 27, 2007, Applicants provide this summary in response to the Office Communication dated April 5, 2007. During the teleconference of March 23, 2007, a discussion was had regarding the surge-protection of claims 1, 14, and 20. The Examiner asserted that the surge protection modules are merely a name given to the modules in the claims. The Examiner also asserted that the claims are in the general field of ESD, RFI, EMI protection and grounding circuits. The discussion concluded with an understanding that the Applicants would consider adding language to distinguish the claims over the cited art.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 858-350-6100.

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